are the journals supplied? (The number of copies supplied may kindly be specified).

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) and (b).—Statements are appended. *(Appendices I and II).*

(c) No definite information can be given as no register is maintained exclusively for this purpose.

(d) Yes. Please see the statement appended. *(Appendix III).*

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to (c), Sir, may I know whether the Government are in a position to say that there were some applications at least which were not granted?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There might have been, I do not remember exactly.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Not even one?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice.

Appointments made by Government—Taluk-war statement.

212. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments in all the departments made by the Government during the years 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109 and 1110, of persons belonging to several Taluks of the State with a Taluk-war statement?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The time and labour involved in the collection of the statistics is not commensurate with the purpose served.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What was the purpose referred to?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The purpose referred to is not intelligible to Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—What is the purpose as understood by them?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The purpose is only to get a statement of appointments. That is the only purpose which Government have understood.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Would it not also be possible to find out the invidious distinction between two taluks?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—If any particular object is sought to be achieved by means of this question and if Government's attention is drawn to it, certainly an enquiry will be made into that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are not the Government aware that Members will put questions which are so very difficult and embarassing?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It is a question of utility of these answers. The time and labour involved should be commensurate with the purpose served.

Retiring of Government Officers after 30 years of service.

213. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of retiring all officers who have completed 30 years of service irrespective of the fact whether they are fifty-five years of age or not and never extending the period of any person even for a day after his completing his fifty-fifth year?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government regret that it is not possible to accept the suggestion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Give us some idea why it is not possible.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—It will lead to hardship to existing people and it is not considered to be in the interests of efficiency or in the interests of the public as a whole to revise the existing procedure.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—To which sub division does the answer refer?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no sub-division. The question as understood by Government is that on the completion of 30 years of service whatever be the age of the person, whether he is 55 years or not, he should be retired. Now the question of extending or not the period of service of a servant after the 55th year is another matter.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I remember to have heard the Secretary to Government saying that it will affect the efficiency of service, if men are asked to retire after 30 years of service. May I know why?

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